

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended). A stringed musical instrument, comprising:

a body that generally forms a waist, upper bout and lower bout regions, and comprises a bottom deck, a top deck with a bridge, and a side joining the top and bottom decks;

a neck;

a plurality of strings positioned lengthwise about the neck; and

a computer unit held by the body ~~in a position that is viewable to a user of said instrument~~, the computer unit comprising a display held by the side of the upper bout region in a position where the display is viewable by the user when playing the instrument and that provides the user of the instrument with song-related data to assist the user in playing the instrument, and comprising an operating system that allows a user to create, store, recall, and manage music-related and non-music-related data.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the body, neck, and strings are components of a guitar.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the body, neck, and strings are components of a bass guitar, banjo, mandoline, violin, or pedal-steel guitar.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the computer unit is integrated into the body of the instrument.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the computer comprises menu-driven software.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 9, wherein the menu options can be selected by touching an appropriate position of the display.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the computer comprises a digital video disc player.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the computer comprises software that stores and visually displays contact names and addresses.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the computer comprises an USB port for downloading information from another computer.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented). The stringed musical instrument of claim 5, wherein the song-related data include complete song tablature.

Claim 15 (New). A stringed musical instrument, comprising:

a body that generally forms a waist, upper bout and lower bout regions, and comprises a bottom deck, a top deck with a bridge, and a side joining the top and bottom decks;

a neck;

a plurality of strings positioned lengthwise about the neck; and

a computer unit held by the body, the computer unit comprising menu-driven software and a display held by the side of the upper bout region in a position where the display is viewable by the user when playing the instrument and that provides the user of the instrument with

song-related data to assist the user in playing the instrument, and comprising an operating system that allows a user to create, store, recall, and manage music-related and non-music-related data;

visual display capability for contact names and addresses; and

visual display of menu options that can be selected by touching an appropriate position of the display.